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1. A report on the Soviet Third Infantry Division, which was the Thirteenth Infantry Brigade from the end of World War II until early 1951.

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2. The report deals briefly with the organization, location, and make-up of the division from World War II until its transfer to Klaipeda, Lithuanian SSR, in late 1951. Although the division was still believed to be in Klaipeda in 1956, the major emphasis in the report is on the composition and weapons of the division in 1952.

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1. The Third Infantry Division (3 Gvardeyskaya Strelkovaya Divizia) was organized in Sverdlovsk during World War II. It was in action on the Stalingrad front and was regarded as a very strong, efficient fighting unit. Immediately after the war, the division was reorganized as the Thirteenth Infantry Brigade (13 Gvardeyska Brigada); thirteen had been the number of one of its regiments.
2. The Thirteenth Infantry Brigade was composed of three infantry battalions, one artillery regiment, one independent signals company, and one independent engineers company. The brigade was stationed in Opochka [N56-42, E28-43], in the Velikoluksaya Oblast, until early 1951. In early 1951, the

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brigade was again converted into a division, designated as before, the Third Infantry Division.

3. The Third Infantry Division was transferred to Klaypeda in late 1951. During summer, it was stationed in a camp (letniy lager) located about 5 kilometers south of the town, opposite Kurskaya Kosa, while in winter, the units of the division were stationed in Klaypeda and other towns. The camp covered an area of 1 x 2 kilometers and was traversed by the Klaypedskiy Canal. During the first years after the war, the 71st Infantry Division (71 Gvardeyskaya Strelkovaya Divizia) had been accommodated at the camp. The Third Infantry Division was reportedly¹ still stationed in Klaypeda in 1956.

4. The Third Infantry Division, with headquarters in Klaypeda, comprised the following units:

- a. The Thirteenth Infantry Regiment (13 Strelkoviy Polk), stationed in Plunge N55-55, E21-51.
- b. Two additional infantry regiments (no details).
- c. The Ninth Artillery Regiment (9 Art. Polk), stationed in Telshyay N55-59, E22-16.

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- d. A tank regiment (tankoviy polk), stationed in Klaypeda.
 - e. An independent signals battalion, stationed in Klaypeda.
 - f. An independent engineers battalion, stationed in Klaypeda.
 - g. Headquarters Company (Shtabnaya Rota), stationed in Klaypeda. The company operated a radio-location post at the summer camp.
5. The Thirteenth Infantry Regiment was composed of three rifle battalions (strelkoviye bataliony); there were three companies to the battalion, all identical. The soldiers were armed with 7.62-mm semiautomatic carbines, [] and the section commanders with AK 7.62-mm automatic carbines. The regiment comprised the following units:
- a. A 72-mm mortar company, composed of three platoons of three mortars each.
 - b. A machine gun company, composed of three platoons. The company was equipped with 7.62-mm medium machine guns, [] 7.62-mm light machine guns, and DS 4K 1938/46, 12.7-mm heavy machine guns.

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- c. A gun battery (art. batarea), composed of a 120-mm mortar section (3 mortars) and a 57-mm antitank gun section (3 guns).
 - d. A signals company.
 - e. A training company (polkovaya shkola), which qualified NCO's for the regimental sub-units.
6. Activation of the division had not been completed by the end of 1952, although the division had already been fully motorized and entirely truck-borne during the 1952 maneuvers. During an alert held in 1952, the entire division was ready to move within three hours.
7. The following persons were reported:
- a. Major General Kozik (fnu), Commander of the Thirteenth Infantry Brigade
 - b. Major General Sholkoviy (fnu), Commander of the Third Infantry Division

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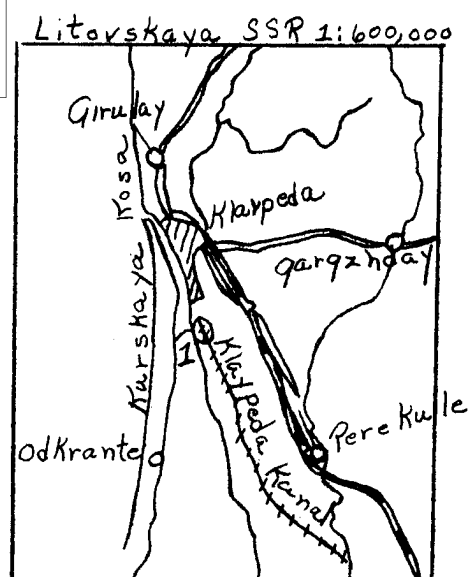
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